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the preceding motion. Dr. E. W. Olive was elected chairman of this committee and the president was authorized to appoint other members of the committee upon the recommendation of the chairman. Adjournment followed.

B. O. DODGE,  
*Secretary*

#### NEWS ITEMS

Owing to the coal shortage Conservatory Range No. 2 at the New York Botanical Garden was cleared in December, the plants all being housed in the old conservatory range. On January 10 the Brooklyn Botanic Garden reduced by 375 linear feet its greenhouse space, thus crowding the collections in fewer houses. and necessitating the closing of the conservatories to the public,

On January 10 the second issue of the *Journal* of the International Garden Club was published. Hereafter the publication will be issued quarterly in March, June, September and December, the March issue appearing on the twentieth.

The British government has ordered one hundred thousand kapok waistcoats for its sailors. This "vegetable wool," derived from *Bombax malabaricum*, has been suggested as desirable also for our own sailors.